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See attached.

**MISCELLANEOUS LETTER**

1. The reply filed on August 11, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's explanation is noted about how the wiper blade is allegedly readable on the claimed orifice. However, it is still not clear to the Examiner how the wiper blade may be construed as reading on the claimed flexible sealing orifice. The wiper blade itself is not an orifice. Thus it is not clear how the elected Species is readable on the claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
2. Applicant is invited to telephone the Examiner to resolve the above issues.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Goodman whose telephone number is (703) 308-0501. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday between 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap, can be reached on (703) 308-1082.

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In lieu of mailing, it is encouraged that all formal responses be faxed to (703) 872-9306. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.



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